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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After both the mobile subscriber 12 and the conventional subscribers 14, 14' and 14" come online and register with the IM server 16 (FIG. 1) through respective connections, the mobile subscriber sends a message at 124 through the IM proxy 24' and the IM server 20 as discussed above to the conventional subscriber 14. After receiving the message, the conventional subscriber 14 responds by sending a message at 126 back to the mobile subscriber 12. The IM proxy 24' recognizes, via information contained in the target buddy subheader 48 (FIG. 3), that the message sent at 126 is intended for the mobile subscriber 12. However, the IM proxy 24' recognizes that the message sent at 126 is from the source buddy ~~from~~ for which it had recently received the message sent at 124. The IM session between the mobile subscriber 12 and the conventional subscriber 14 continues in this manner, as exemplified by subsequent messages sent at 128, 130, until the IM proxy 24' is notified by the IM server 20 that additional buddies, such as conventional subscribers 14', 14", have registered with the IM server 20 as indicated generally at 132, 134. As indicated at 136, the IM proxy 24' continues to forward messages to the mobile subscriber 12 as long as the IM proxy 24' continues to detect only messages from a single IM session participant.

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